

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Randy Menard – Chair (District 9), Rob Stevenson – Vice Chair (District 8), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Dale Bourgeois (District 2), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr. (District 4), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Bruce Conque (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7)

LPUA: Rob Stevenson (Chair), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Bruce Conque, Marc Mouton

ABSENT: Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D. (District 3)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk) and Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: L. J. Durel, Jr. (City-Parish President), Dee Stanley (CAO), Becky Lalumia (Associate CAO/Finance Management), Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(066) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Councilmember Randy Menard called the Special Joint Lafayette Public Utilities Authority and Lafayette City-Parish Council Meeting of December 21, 2004 to order.

A motion was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Benjamin to allow Councilmember Randy Menard to chair the Special Joint Lafayette Public Utilities Authority and Lafayette City-Parish Council Meeting, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Bourgeois, Benjamin, Broussard, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Williams, Conque, Mouton

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

JOINT LPUA & LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL RESOLUTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(087) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: R-086-2004 A resolution of the Lafayette City-Parish Council and the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the officials of the City of Lafayette, State of Louisiana and Bond Counsel to proceed with the preparation of the documents required for the issuance of revenue bonds, applying to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to issue such bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Upon questioning by Williams, Huval explained that he had not submitted to the Council steps for achieving the issuance of revenue bonds. He did, however, recap that on November 16, 2004, the Council and LPUA approved a resolution that adopted the feasibility study report and adopted an ordinance that provided for the reorganization, within the existing charter, that allowed for a Communications Division to be established. R-086-2004 is the next step to move forward with the application to the State Bond Commission for the issuance of bonds. Further steps will include establishing a budget, providing the manning tables associated with the project, as well as the final authorization of the bonds. Williams requested a sequential schedule for the remaining steps. Huval further stated that around the second Council Meeting in February he would be able to give an update on the digital divide.

Upon questioning by Menard, Huval stated that this resolution does not give the authority to issue bonds. That action will come to the Council and LPUA later in the process.

COUNCIL VOTE: A motion to approve was offered by Benjamin, seconded by Stevenson, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Bourgeois, Benjamin, Broussard, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson, Menard

NAYS: Badeaux

ABSENT: Williams
ABSTAIN: None
Motion was approved.

LPUA VOTE: A motion to approve was offered by Stevenson, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Williams
ABSTAIN: None
Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(180) There being no further business to come before the Special Joint Lafayette Public Utilities Authority and the Lafayette City-Parish Council, Chair Menard declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL